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1. Members present were as follows:

Mr. Levin	State
Lt. Col. Ruwet	Army
Lt. Col. Conner	Army
Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
Cdr. Howell	Navy
Lt. Col. Gould	Air Force
Lt. Col. Wade	Air Force
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2. Discussion of the Petroleum Supplement brought out the following points:

a. Informal investigation indicates that the new Munitions Board Petroleum Committee (formerly the Armed Forces Petroleum Board) is best suited by its mission (See JCS 1694/17 of 15 June 1949 and Sec. Defense Memo to Chairman, Munitions Board of 3 May 1949) and location within the framework of the National Military Establishment to produce NIS Section 62C (Petroleum) and the Petroleum Supplement. Moreover, the Petroleum Committee appears to be the government agency most capable of securing needed petroleum information from private oil companies.

b. Immediate steps should be taken to conclude formal arrangements with the Petroleum Committee for the assumption of this production responsibility.

c. Withdrawal of support from the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, for the production of NIS Section 62C should be deferred until the Petroleum Committee is in all respects able to meet NIS production requirements for NIS Section 62C and the Petroleum Supplement.

3. State and Navy members were still unable to report their Agencies' positions regarding [REDACTED]. It was recommended that they bring the matter up at the IAC level.

4. The production of Chapters I was discussed. It was pointed out that members of the Chapter I Subcommittee should not only serve in a general capacity on the Subcommittee but should also engage in working

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level coordination of the production of the chapter. A draft of an operating procedure covering production of Chapters I was discussed and approved.

5. The Army member stated that, in some instances, there have been changes in respect to the master schedule in the order in which Preliminary Gazetteers are being produced and that, because of the heavy reliance of Chapter II on geographic names, these changes have caused difficulties in Chapter II production. The Chairman stated the following points:

a. There is a direct relation between name editing in BGN and the production of Preliminary Gazetteers. While BGN name editors are using name cards, these cards are not available for the production of gazetteers.

b. The NIS contributions have not been submitted in accordance with the NIS Production Schedule. Hence, the order of production of Preliminary Gazetteers has been affected because the order of contributions to be name edited has been changed.

c. Every consideration is being given and will be given to have the production of Preliminary Gazetteers accommodate the production not only of Chapters II but of other chapters which rely on geographic names as well.

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